



Dairy Queen Fundraiser

On Thursday, October 4th from 5-8pm, we will be having a fundraiser for Mother's Day Out at the Dairy Queen on Lebanon Avenue in Belleville. A percentage of all sales will be donated to MDO, so please bring your friends, families and neighbors to support our school. It is always a fun evening getting to spend time with the families from MDO!

Pumpkin Picking

Our pumpkin picking field trips at Braeutigam Orchards are on Thursday, October 18th and Friday, October 19th. This field trip is for children in the 3 year old classes and older. The cost of this trip is \$7.00 per child. Bus space is limited, so be sure to turn in your permission slip WITH payment ASAP. The timing of this field trip will be different than with the apples. Please arrive early on this day because the bus will leave the church right away in the morning at 9:30. We will be arriving at the orchard by 9:45 and our picking time is 10:00. If you plan on meeting us there, please let me or your child's teacher know so we can make sure to meet up with you before we begin picking. We will return to school to eat our lunches.

Firefighter Visit

On Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th at 10am, the firefighters from the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department will visit us. They will discuss fire prevention and safety with all of the kids. The children love these visits and learn lots about how to stay safe.

Dates to Remember:

October 4
Dairy Queen Fundraiser 5-8pm

October 18 & October 19
Pumpkin Picking Field Trips

October 25 & October 26
Firefighters Visit MDO 10am

October 30 & October 31
MDO Fall Festival 9:30-11am

November 15 & 16
Picture Days

November 20-23
CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Fall Festival and Costume Parade

Our annual fall festivals and costume parades will be on Tuesday, October 30th and Wednesday, October 31st. The parade will begin at 9:30, so please bring your child to school dressed in their costume. As long as the weather permits, we will parade through the neighborhood next to the church. After our parade, we will trick-or-treat at the church offices.

Following the parade and trick-or-treating, the kids will return to their classrooms for their class parties. Please, if you haven't signed up to help, double check with your child's teacher to see if they need any more help.

All parents are encouraged to attend both the parade and parties. Also, even if your child does not attend on Tuesday or Wednesday, they may still attend the parade and party and just return home at the conclusion. Our parties will end at 11:00. It is sure to be lots of fun!

Reminders:

* Anything that could pose a choking hazard **MUST** be cut up for us to serve them. Please be sure all food that could be a choking hazard, especially grapes and hotdogs, are cut up into small pieces. Grapes should be cut lengthwise.

Teachers have multiple students to watch at lunchtime and even if the children eat them uncut at home, we need the food to be cut for school.

* The weather will be changing soon and we ask that you have a weather appropriate change of clothes in your child's backpack or diaper bag. This includes socks and underwear.

* Please label **EVERYTHING** your child brings to school. Backpacks, lunchboxes, cups, lunch containers, jackets, etc. There are many of the same type item and it is hard to distinguish between them without names. If your child wears diapers, please make sure that they are labeled as well. Remember your child's teacher has multiple kids' belongings to keep track of. Please help them by labeling things.

